

Eddie A. Perez Mayor

MAYOR PEREZ AND HARTFORD YOUTH SCHOLARS RECEIVE NATIONAL ATTENTION

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(April 20, 2007)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez and The Hartford Youth Scholars Foundation are receiving national attention from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. They are being recognized for their partnership with the Steppingstone Foundation for launching a rigorous prep program for middle school students. An article about "Steppingstone Academy Hartford" is featured in this month's edition of "U.S. Mayor" newspaper.

Mayor Perez says, "We need to empower our students with opportunities that will open the door to an even brighter future. With this partnership, we are increasing educational options for families in Connecticut's Capital City."

The program supports Mayor Perez's commitment to increase the number of Hartford students who attend four-year colleges. To date, more than 450 students have been nominated by Hartford teachers and guidance counselors. The first class of scholars will begin a 14-month rigorous prep program this July. Classroom space has been donated by Trinity College.

You can read the entire article by logging on to www.usmayors.org scroll to the bottom and click on mayor's newspaper